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Food Distribution Program for Charitable Institutions

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Through the Food Distribution Program, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) donates food to help meet the nutritional needs of children and needy adults. Among the charitable institutions that receive USDA food are homes for elderly people, hospitals that offer general and long-term health care, soup kitchens, meals-on-wheels programs, and orphanages that don't participate in other USDA child nutrition programs. To be eligible, institutions must be nonprofit and serve meals on a regular basis.

WHO BENEFITS FROM THE PROGRAM?

Charitable institutions use the donated foods in meals that they prepare for people that they serve. Although the amount of food donated to each institution is based on the number of needy people served, the institutions may include the food in all meals that they prepare.

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM OPERATE?

The Food Distribution Program, while helping to meet the nutritional needs of children and needy adults, expands agricultural markets for food. To aid American farmers, USDA buys food under price-support, surplus-removal, and related legislation and makes this food available to States. USDA pays for the initial processing and packaging of the food and for transporting it to designated points within each State. State distributing agencies are then responsible for storing the food, transporting it, and distributing it to all local eligible institutions within that State.

WHAT FOODS ARE AVAILABLE TO PROGRAM RECIPIENTS?

The foods that USDA donates to charitable institutions vary from time to time. Generally, they include dairy products, cereals and grains, and peanut and oil products. State distributing agencies have current information on the foods that USDA has available.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

You may obtain further information on the Food Distribution Program from Food and Nutrition Service regional offices at the following addresses:

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office

Food and Nutrition Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
One Vahlsing Center
Robbinsville, N. J. 08691
Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York,
Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C., Virginia,
West Virginia, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands

Midwest Regional Office

Food and Nutrition Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
536 South Clark Street
Chicago, Ill. 60605
Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio,
Wisconsin

Mountain Plains Regional Office

Food and Nutrition Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
2402 W. 26th Avenue
Suite 415-D
Denver, Colo. 80211
Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Montana,
Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota,
Utah, Wyoming

New England Regional Office

Food and Nutrition Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
33 North Avenue
Burlington, Mass. 01803
Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New
Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont

Southeast Regional Office

Food and Nutrition Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1100 Spring Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Ga. 30309
Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mis-
sissippi, North Carolina, South Carolina,
Tennessee

Southwest Regional Office

Food and Nutrition Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1100 Commerce Street
Dallas, Tex. 75242
Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico,
Oklahoma, Texas

Western Regional Office

Food and Nutrition Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
550 Kearny Street
San Francisco, Calif. 94108
Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, Cali-
fornia, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada,
Oregon, Trust Territories, Washington

The Food Distribution Program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture is available to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, or national origin.